

OPERATIONAL SERVICES

4.155 Naming or Renaming of Schools, Facilities, and Grounds; Selection of Symbols

Recognizing that the names of school buildings, facilities (e.g. gyms, athletic fields, auditoriums, libraries, classrooms, cafeterias), and grounds, and the selection of symbols (e.g. mascots, colors, logos), reflect on the District's public image, the Board's primary consideration will be to select a name or symbol that enhances the credibility and stature of the school and District. Any request to name or rename an existing school, facility, or grounds, or to select or change a school or District symbol, shall be submitted to the Superintendent. The Superintendent will follow the procedures set forth below, but the Board will make the final decision.

The District will review the names of schools, facilities, and grounds at least every 10 years to determine whether they continue to remain relevant and should be retained. The Board reserves the right to rename any District school, facility, or grounds, or to change school or District symbols, at any time.

New or Unnamed Schools, Facilities, or Grounds

Upon receipt of a request to name a new or unnamed school, facility, or grounds, the Superintendent or designee shall establish a committee of representatives of the District and the community.

The committee will provide notice to students, staff, and citizens of the District of the proposed name, including rationale for the name, and solicit feedback or objections. Controversial or inappropriate names, and names of existing facilities, will not be considered.

Appropriate suggestions for names of schools, facilities, or grounds may include but are not limited to:

- Location.
- Person.
- Historical significance.
- Other significant events or highlights.

The committee shall submit between 3 and 5 recommendations to the Board for consideration.

NORMAL WEST HIGH SCHOOL PROPOSAL TO NAME FACILITIES	
LOCATION:	Atrium (inside school between IMC and Cafeteria)
PERSON:	Dr. Jerry Crabtree
NAME:	Crabtree Commons
HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE:	Dr. Jerry Crabtree was the 1st principal of Normal West High School, opening the school for the 1995-1996 school year
RATIONALE:	<p>As Normal West continues to celebrate 30 years of history, we have been able to reflect on the individuals and events that have helped shape our culture. Our Wall of Fame committee is interested in dedicating our atrium to Dr. Jerry Crabtree and requesting it be named: Crabtree Commons. In the early years of West, Dr. Crabtree was central to establishing West as a high achieving and highly competitive school within the community. We felt it fitting to dedicate our atrium, the center of our building, to Dr. Crabtree.</p> <p>Jerry had a vision of a high school where collaboration of students and staff would help to establish a culture of acceptance and cooperation. Our atrium serves as a meeting place of students and staff, as well as a space where art, drama, athletics, music and academics are all showcased. By naming our atrium Crabtree Commons, we feel Dr. Crabtree's dedication to Normal West will continue to be honored for years to come.</p> <p>In referencing Board policy No. 4.155 Section: Operational Services, we are requesting permission to dedicate this area to Dr. Jerry Crabtree. His legacy will be commemorated by a sign that will hang near the entrance to our atrium. Funds from our West Improvement Pledge from our 30th year, in collaboration with Dr. Crabtree himself, will be used to make the atrium a space that will honor his vision for Normal West that continues on beyond his leadership. Thank you for considering our request.</p>